

# School Nutrition Update

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## Program Operations Information

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### ***View Recordings from N.C. School Nutrition Conference and Summer Summit***

Thanks to all our participants, presenters, facilitators, volunteers, and N.C. Virtual Schools for helping to make our first ever virtual N.C. Summer Nutrition Conference and Summer Summit a success. Conference handouts and resources were provided via an [online folder](#). A recording of the sessions is now available. [Register](#) to view the recording. The password is ncdpi2021.



We hope that everyone was able to take away some new strategies and resources to help aim for the stars and navigate the future of summer meals.

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### ***Learn More about and Utilize New Cartwheel Meal Counter Feature***

The Multiple Serving Lines feature will be ready to use this summer for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)! This is a great solution for your sites to enter meal counts live in Cartwheel at several Points of Service at the same time. **Please note: This feature will not be activated until after the final sponsor refresher training on May 25 to ensure that everyone receives adequate training prior to using it.** You should not notice a change in functionality with daily meal counting until it is activated. Once this feature is activated at the state level, you will have access to activate for your own individual sites (if you choose).

Training materials will be updated and available on May 17. Please reference last year's training materials and instructions to review the basics of Cartwheel (located in the SFSP Download Forms).

If you haven't signed up for a Refresher Sponsor training yet, please sign up below:

- Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> (full)
- [Monday, May 24th, 1-4pm](#)
- [Tuesday, May 25th, 9am-12pm](#)

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### ***Submit Questions to be Answered During the Wednesday Webinars***

Please submit any questions you have for the Wednesday Briefing for School Food Authorities (SFAs) via the [online form](#). Answer the first two questions and then enter your questions one question per box. If you have more than ten questions, please click on the link to the form and submit your additional questions.

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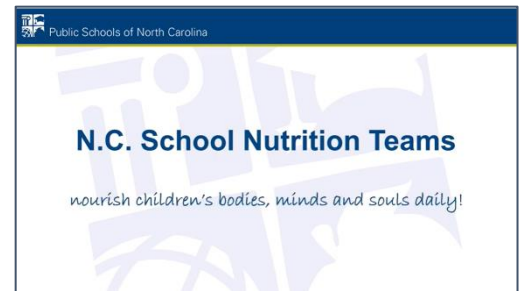
## School Nutrition Spotlight

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## ***Thank Our #NCSchoolNutritionHeroes!***

Our N.C. School Nutrition Teams across the state were recognized last week for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and School Nutrition Hero Day. It was wonderful to see all the thank you cards, signs, social media posts and more. Check out the social media posts using the tags #NCSchoolNutritionHeroes, #SchoolNutritionHeroDay, #SchoolLunchHeroDay, and #ThankaHungerHero. The N.C.

Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), School Nutrition Division created a video to recognize all the hard work, dedication, innovation, commitment and compassion of our N.C. School Nutrition Heroes over the last year. [Check it out.](#)



## ***Submit Articles for the School Nutrition Update E-letter***

We aim to include lots of items of interest to our School Nutrition professionals across the state in the School Nutrition Update e-letter. Issues are scheduled to go out at the first of each week. If you have a resource, grant, job opportunity, continuing education event or other news item for the School Nutrition Update e-letter, please send those to Tracey Bates, [tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov), by 12 pm on the Thursday prior to when the School Nutrition Update will be released the following week.

## ***Share a School Nutrition Spotlight***

We love lifting up our #NCSchoolNutritionHeroes! If you know of a North Carolina School Nutrition team or professional that has received an award, honor or other recognition or should be spotlighted, please share for an upcoming School Nutrition Spotlight. Please send details to Tracey Bates, [tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov).

# **Nutrition Education & Promotion**

## ***Utilize the N.C. Farm to School Toolkit***

The [N.C. Farm to School Toolkit](#), from the N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDACS), highlights nine fruits and vegetables available through the N.C. Farm to School Program. Each month focuses on a different crop and provides School Nutrition professionals with recipes, social media messages and other information about the crop of the month.



# **Job Opportunity**

## ***Apply for an Opportunity with Wilson County Schools***

Wilson County Schools is accepting applications for a School Nutrition Supervisor position. An associate's degree, or higher, is required. Eligible School Nutrition experience may be accepted in lieu of degree requirements. A Registered Dietitian (RD) certification or nutrition education training and experience is preferred. [Learn more and apply.](#)

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## ***Work with Wake County Public Schools***

Wake County Child Nutrition Services has career opportunities for professionals that want to join a collaborative team. Applications are being accepted at [Wake County Public Schools - Frontline Recruitment \(applitrack.com\)](https://wakecountypublicschools-frontline.recruitment.applitrack.com):

- Area Supervisor (Category: Central Office Administrator, Job ID 37053)
    - [Position requirements and essential responsibilities](#)
  - Driver (Category: Non-Instructional Support Staff, Job ID 37428)
    - [Position requirements and essential responsibilities](#)
  - Warehouse Receiving Specialist (Category: Non-Instructional Support Staff, Job ID 36559)
    - [Position requirements and essential responsibilities](#)
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## **Continuing Education**

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### ***Ensure Students Have Access to Summer Meals and P-EBT – 5/13, 3 pm ET***

This summer may look different from previous summers but connecting more students to summer nutrition remains an important opportunity to combat food insecurity when school is out. This webinar with the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) will feature tips and tricks from schools and sponsors operating the Summer Nutrition Programs as well as an update on the extension of P-EBT for the summer months. [Learn more and register.](#)

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### ***Learn Best Practices for COVID-19 Mitigation & School Re-opening – 5/19, 3 pm ET***

Join the School Nutrition Association and representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to learn about best practices for COVID-19 mitigation and school-reopening. USDA representatives will provide an overview of the USDA's most recent waivers and discuss food safety best practices for all service models for back to school planning. Finally, a CDC representative will provide an overview of current COVID-19 safety guidance in school food service and serving meals in schools. Speakers will share and discuss materials containing actionable information on best practices for COVID-19 prevention and re-opening schools. [Learn more and register.](#)

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### ***Check Out N.C. SHAC Meeting Materials***

The agenda, slides, session recordings, and exhibitor information are all available from the 2021 N.C. School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting. Check out these resources on the N.C. Healthy Schools [site](#).

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### ***Access Virtual Training Opportunities***

The Institute for Child Nutrition (ICN) has compiled [resources to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus](#). Online food safety/HACCP training is available on the NCDPI, School Nutrition [website](#) and the ICN [website](#). Additional continuing education resources are available on the School Nutrition [website](#) from NCDPI, ICN, the School Nutrition Association and other agencies and organizations. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics offers [COVID-19 professional resources](#) for Registered Dietitians/Nutritionists (RDNs) and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (DTRs), and [continuing professional education resources](#).

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## Questions

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If you have any questions regarding these updates, please reach out to your regional consultants. Contact information for your Zone teams can be found [here](#).

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